

**HISTORIC PIONEER TRAIL PRESERVATION**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: LaVar Christensen**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Recreational Trails Code by adding duties related to historic trails.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines "historic trail";
- ▶ requires the Division of Parks and Recreation to develop and maintain an inventory of historic trails within the state; and
- ▶ requires the division to report on the inventory and include recommendations and cost estimates to maintain historic trails and make recommended improvements.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**79-5-104**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **79-5-104** is enacted to read:



28 79-5-104. Historic trails -- Inventory -- Development of historic trail system --  
29 **Report.**

30 (1) (a) As used in this section, "historic trail" means a roadway, path, or trail in the  
31 state that pioneers followed while immigrating to the Salt Lake Valley and other areas of the  
32 state during the mid-nineteenth century.

33 (b) "Historic trail" may include a recreational trail.

34 (2) The division shall develop and maintain an inventory of historic trails within the  
35 state.

36 (3) The inventory shall include:

37 (a) mapping of the historic trails;

38 (b) photos of the historic trails;

39 (c) an assessment of the historic trail ownership, condition, and current use; and

40 (d) a classification system developed by the division to identify the current condition of  
41 each trail and the availability of public access to each trail.

42 (4) The division shall:

43 (a) develop plans and recommendations to develop a historic trail system throughout  
44 the state that:

45 (i) provides for outdoor recreation needs;

46 (ii) facilitates access to, travel within, and enjoyment of historic places; and

47 (iii) integrates with a recreational trail network in the state; and

48 (b) coordinate the planning and development of historic trails with:

49 (i) federal land management agencies;

50 (ii) local governments;

51 (iii) private landowners; and

52 (iv) state agencies.

53 (5) (a) The division shall prepare and submit to the governor and the Legislature, by  
54 September 1, 2015, a written report of the inventory prepared under this section.

55 (b) The report shall include recommendations and cost estimates to maintain the  
56 inventory and to make recommended improvements to the historic trails to allow public  
57 enjoyment of the trails.

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